



Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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USD(P)

SUBJECT : Defense Space Council (DSC)

References: (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Coordination of Space Issues, " April 4, 1988
(b) Department of Defense Space Policy, February 4, 1987 (classified), and March 10, 1987 (unclassified)
(c) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Defense Space Operations Committee, " October 3, 1979 (hereby canceled)
(d) DoD Directive 5137.1, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and **Intelligence**)," April 2, 1985

A. PURPOSE

This Directive:

1. Implements reference (a) , which established the DSC; supports implementation of reference (b) ; and supersedes reference (c) .
2. Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and **prescribes procedures** for coordination of space matters within the Department of Defense and for DoD involvement in inter-Agency or other external activities dealing with space matters.

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive:

1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) , the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components") .
2. Applies to space and space-related matters that require the attention of the OSD or require coordination between or among the DoD Components, including DoD issues that relate to military space force structure or capabilities, the relationship of DoD space programs and activities to those of other Agencies of the U.S. Government, and interaction between DoD and non-Government space programs and activities.
3. Does not change responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence) (ASD(C³I)) on those national programs assigned for staff oversight by DoD Directive 5137.1 (reference (d)).

4. Does not replace or modify existing procedures for acquisition or for the Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System (PPBS), or currently assigned responsibilities of the DoD Components.

c. DEFINITION

Space Systems and Space Programs, as used in this Directive, apply to those systems and programs that are space-based or that support military operations in, or from, space. Space systems include satellites; associated tracking, telemetry, and commanding nodes; mission and/or user terminals (land, sea, air, and space); launch systems and supporting infrastructure; space surveillance; and other support elements. For purposes of this Directive, ballistic missiles are not space systems.

D. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. All DoD space activities, programs, and policies shall be coordinated fully within and among the DoD Components to ensure maximum contribution to overall U.S. military capabilities.

2. The DSC is the senior DoD body for development of space policies, coordination of space programs and activities, resolution of space issues, and development of DoD positions for presentation in inter-Agency forums.

3. The DSC shall:

a. Advise the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, develop policy, serve as focal point, and recommend decisions on space matters.

b. Monitor implementation of national and defense space policy, and review and make recommendations on those elements of the defense guidance that deal with space and space systems.

c. Develop DoD positions and views on space matters for presentation and discussion outside the Department of Defense, to include preparations for participation in senior inter-Agency discussions and interaction with other U.S. Departments and Agencies.

d. For new matters within its purview, assign primary responsibility within the Department of Defense and ensure proper coordination.

e. Undertake any additional tasks, as assigned by the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense..

E. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

1. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) (USD(A)) and the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) (USD(P)) shall cochair the DSC.

2. Other members of the DSC shall be the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Vice Chairman of the JCS, -the ASD(C³I), the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) (ASD(PA&E)), and the Director, Strategic Defense-Initiative Organization (SDIO).

3. The DSC shall meet at the call of either cochair.

4. The DSC shall address those matters , including specific space and space-related issues introduced by any member, that the **cochairs** determine to be within their purview.

5. Results of DSC actions shall be submitted by the cochairs to the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for information or approval, as **appropriate**. At the request of any DSC member , any unresolved matter may be referred to the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for decision. In this event, the DSC Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and coordination of decision papers, including the forwarding of opposing views to the Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

6. Other senior DoD Officials shall be invited to participate in deliberations of the DSC, when they have a substantial interest in the issues.

7. Each DSC member shall identify a staff officer to function as primary point of contact (POC) for coordination of DSC matters.

8. The DSC shall be supported by a Senior Coordinating Group that shall provide a forum for development and coordination of space matters before DSC consideration and for quick resolution of matters that do not require a DSC meeting. That group shall be cochaired by representatives of the USD(A) and the USD(P), and shall meet on a regular basis. Each DSC member shall designate an appropriate level representative to that coordinating group. Additional members may include the appropriate level representatives of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Planning and Resources) (DUSD(P&R)), the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Trade Security Policy) (DUSD(TSP)), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the Defense Support Project Office.

9. At the direction of the DSC cochairs , ad hoc working groups may be established to support the DSC and the Senior Coordinating Group.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) (USD(P)) shall:

a. Advise the DSC on matters dealing with DoD space policy and DoD participation in inter-Agency forums on space-related national policy matters.

b. Designate the DSC Executive Secretary and provide an Executive Secretariat staff.

2. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition) (USD(A)) shall:

a. Designate a representative to the DSC Executive Secretariat.

b. Advise the DSC on matters dealing with the development and acquisition of space systems.

3. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence) (ASD(C³I)) shall:

a. Advise the DSC, as appropriate, on national programs that support the Department of Defense and for which the Secretary of Defense has execution authority and, at the request of the DSC **cochairs**, evaluate the responsiveness of such programs to DoD requirements, including readiness to support military operations.

b. Advise the DSC on space and space-related actions undertaken to implement responsibilities assigned by DoD Directive 5137.1 (reference (d)).

4. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Program Analysis and Evaluation) (ASD(PA&E)) shall assist the DSC in programmatic analyses and evaluation of space and space-related matters.

5. The Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), shall:

a. Advise the DSC on military requirements of the combatant commands.

b. Advise the DSC on military plans and tasking, as they relate to space matters under consideration by the DSC.

6. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall advise the DSC on matters associated with the space and space-related programs for which they are responsible.

7. The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), shall:

a. Serve as the intelligence advisor to the DSC.

b. Advise the DSC on space and space-related intelligence matters in support of DSC activities.

c. Advise the DSC on foreign space and space-related programs and activities.

d. Identify a staff office to function as primary POC for coordination of DSC matters.

8. The Director, Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO), shall advise the DSC on matters associated with the space and space-related programs for which it is responsible.

9. The Defense Space Council (DSC) Executive Secretary, under the direction of the DSC cochair, shall:

a. Prepare and coordinate the agenda for **DSC** meetings.

b. Request DSC members and DoD Components to provide information and/or briefings, as required, on matters under consideration by the **DSC**.

c. Prepare, coordinate, and disseminate appropriate documentation reflecting the results of DSC activities.

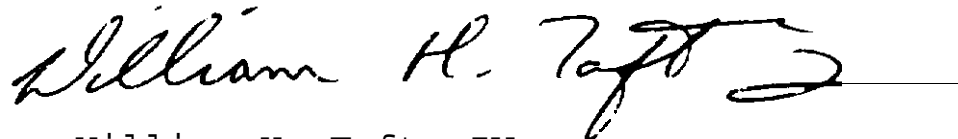
d. Monitor implementation of decisions and policies that come under the purview of the DSC.

e. Keep DSC members informed, between DSC meetings, on pending issues and other DSC activities.

f. Provide support to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, as cochair of the Aeronautics and **Astronautics** Coordinating Board (AACB).

G. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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William H. Taft, IV
Deputy Secretary of Defense